

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES, LLC	DOCKET NO. NIA-99-35 (AIA-96-2)
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**ORDER DOCKETING NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT FOR COMMENTS**

(Issued December 30, 1999)

On December 14, 1999, U S WEST Communications, Inc., and MCIMetro Access Transmission Services, LLC, f/k/a MCIMetro Access Transmission Services, Inc., filed a negotiated amendment to an arbitrated interconnection agreement for Utilities Board (Board) review pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). The proceeding for review of the negotiated amendment will be identified as Docket No. NIA-99-35. The arbitrated interconnection agreement was reviewed by the Board in Docket No. AIA-96-2.

Under the procedures in IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-38.7(4) (1999), the parties to the negotiation or any other interested party may submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing. Thus, the Board will accept written comments on or before January 13, 2000. The Board will determine what procedures are appropriate for review of the agreement after any comments are filed. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 (e)(4), the Board must approve or

reject the interconnection agreement within 90 days of the submission of the agreement or the agreement will be deemed approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The proceeding to review the negotiated amendment to arbitrated interconnection agreement filed on December 14, 1999, by U S WEST Communications, Inc., and MCIMetro Access Transmission Services, LLC, f/k/a MCIMetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. shall be identified as Docket No. NIA-99-35.

2. Comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement by the parties to the negotiation or other interested parties shall be filed on or before January 13, 2000.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 30th day of December, 1999.